are not Visha Vaidyasalas in the State receiving grant from the Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There are 8 at present.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Are the Government aware that there are a very large number of snakes in Adoor?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There are snakes there. I do not know whether all of them are poisonous.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Will the Hon'ble Member take it from me that there are very many poisonous snakes there?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is the Government aware why the snakes show such partiality towards Adoor? (Laughter.)

Dearth of drinking water in Moongalmada and Vannamadae.

417. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been invited to the dearth of drinking water in Moongalmada and Vannamadae in Chittur Taluk;

(2) if so, what action have they taken to supply the deficiency;

(3) if not, (a) how many Srikar wells are there in each of the places; (b) what are their present conditions; (c) how much water is there in these wells in the month of Thulam?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government have tried a few wells for the supply required.

(3) (a) (b) & (c) In Vannamadae there are three public wells. There is water in two of these wells. One well is practically dry. In Moongalmada there is only one public well and this is dry during summer. Boreholes tried in the well do not give any hope of perpetual supply. Government intend trying new wells for the supply in this locality. Now there is water in all the wells except in one in Vannamadae hamlet.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know, Sir, whether the Director of Public Health and Panchayats saw the wells when this reply was given?

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Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I have not seen it personally but my Assistant has seen it. This answer was supplied three months ago.

Dr. A. R. Menon—Is the Government of opinion that there is considerable scarcity of water in that locality?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Government are thinking about it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will they do anything in the near future?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon—Certainly.

Foot-path from Narakkal to Manjanakad—closing of.

418. Mr. George Parakkal.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the fact that the present foot-path that leads to the Manjanakad Jetty from Narakkal is closed by a private party;

(b) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, what action the Government has taken in the matter?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Action is being taken to get the necessary lands acquired.

Panchayat Vaidyasalas—Honorary Physician visitor.

419. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the office of the Honorary Physician visitor to the Panchayat Vaidyasalas is still maintained;

(b) what does the Government spend on this behalf every year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) No. The inspection work of the Panchayat Vaidyasalas has been transferred to the Superintendent, Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

(b) Government used to give Rs. 200 as honorarium per year besides travelling allowance under ordinary rules and petty office expenses to the Honorary Supervisor. The Superintendent, Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital, will be given regular travelling allowance for the inspection work.

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